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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Tweedy

SUBJECT : CIRIS Data Call by Defense

1. I have just learned from [] that you and he will be seeing Dr. Hall this afternoon. I understand that the topic is not CIRIS. However, since CIRIS might be raised by Dr. Hall or because it might become pertinent for you to raise it, the following is a status report and suggestions.

(2. Attached in mock-up form is a copy of the Annexes to the CIRIS Guidance and Instructions for calendar year 1972. These are now in the hands of the printer and we will have dissemination copies by the middle of next week. If you wish, you may leave this book with Dr. Hall, or I will provide you another copy for that purpose.

3. Very briefly, these are "technical annexes". They are not a data call and they do not trespass into the prerogatives of command. Admiral Showers and I believe that it will be necessary for the official CIRIS call to be issued by ASD(I) for CDIP programs. This publication can serve as the technical annex to that call, or if they prefer they have the right to rewrite this publication. That is undesirable because of the time constraints we now face.

4. To familiarize yourself with the contents of this publication, I suggest you need only look at the following for an overview:

Introduction, pages -i- and -ii-
Annex A, pages A-1 through A-4
Annex B, pages B-1 and B-2
Annex C, pages C-1 and C-2
Annex D, pages D-1 through D-3
Annex E, Encl. 3, page E-3/1 (paragraph B. only)

This should require no more than 10-15 minutes.

5. Dr. Hall may inquire about the extent of coordination in preparing these annexes. As you know, due to the attitude of Jim Vance it has been impossible to talk with him or his people. A less abrasive answer could be that since November there has been so much change in both the DCI's world and Dr. Hall's that both sides have issued instructions limiting contacts. It could further be stated that we understood that DASD(I) had requested DIA to take over DASD(I)'s responsibilities for running a data base. Knowing this, we have coordinated extensively with General Bennett's people; also with NSA.

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6. Rather than get embroiled in the "who struck whom" of the foregoing, I suggest that we might take the position that CIRIS has been an annual community-wide effort for the past four years. Here-
fore it has been participated in extensively by the DASD(I) prede-
cessors and they have had full opportunity to share in its development.
Accordingly, our DCI position is that we have a right to expect that
ASD(I) will continue to participate and assist in this development, and
if this is not the case it is certainly up to ASD(I) to notify us.
Having failed to do so, it is now far too late -- on any equitable basis
-- for ASD(I) to decide to pull out.

7. Dr. Hall does not recognize, probably, the extent of community-
wide participation in CIRIS. State's participation is expanding. A
single, uniform system -- conceptually -- just makes overwhelming sense.
The DCI/NIPE staff is beginning now to make considerably more use of
CIRIS as they begin to understand it. So could DASD(I) if they would
come over and find out, rather than play dog in the manger.

8. Dr. Hall probably does not realize how his own recent actions have
in fact confirmed and approved the continuation of CIRIS. For example,
in his participation in recent NSCIC work, he has shared in the approval
of a study on Production. That study depends on CIRIS almost 100% for
data. In addition, Dr. Hall has approved the DCID 1/2 exercise (ac-
cording to my understanding from General Thomas); if so, he de facto
approved CIRIS as the vehicle for relating resources to objectives --
since CIRIS is the only vehicle that exists. We have gone a long ways
in the past two months in interrelating CIRIS targets and the Objectives.
There are probably other examples where Dr. Hall's own actions have de
facto contributed to the necessary continuation of CIRIS.

9. Dr. Hall should take advantage of the opportunities he and his
staff have to participate in CIRIS interagency discussions, and thereby
proceed in an orderly way to help make CIRIS into a more useful tool for
him. CIRIS has developed a number of capabilities in the past 6-9
months that Vance and his staff do not know about; they haven't wanted
to find out about these capabilities but they do exist. I would hope
that it might be possible in a continuation of DCI/NIPE and ASD(I) par-
ticipation in further developments of CIRIS that someone other than
Vance or a Vance subordinate could represent ASD(I). Can't we get some-
one with a fresh and more reasonable outlook?

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(How about a briefing on CIRIS for Dr. Hall? We can be ready on short
notice.)

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